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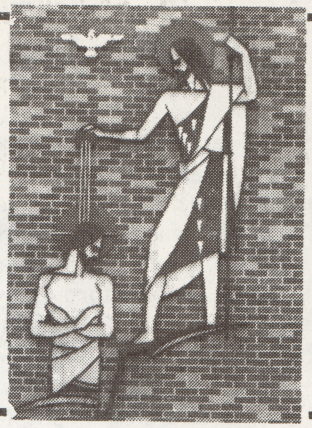

LENT 1977

St. John's Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday: February 23 - Masses at 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Services at 11:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.
Distribution of Ashes after Masses & Services

Fridays of Lent: Stations of the Cross and Benediction - 7:30 p.m. (Watch March Calendars for exceptions noted)

Daily Masses: Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m.

Additional Masses: Tuesday at 5:15 p.m.
Wednesday at 12:00 Noon
Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Remember, that You Are Dust ...

Lent begins Wednesday, February 23

It might be a little difficult to find any crocus in bloom just yet, but the beginning of the Church's Lenten Season does make the "springtime" of our Christian lives. St. Paul's pleading from the second reading of the Ash Wednesday Mass has an urgent invitation for each of us. "We implore you, in Christ's name: be reconciled to God." The refrain from the responsorial psalm of the same day echoes the reason for reconciliation: "Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned."

The branches of palm which were blessed last Palm Sunday will provide the ashes which will be imposed on our heads as a sign of penitence and desire for reconciliation through the day on Ash Wednesday.

Throughout the Lenten Season, a

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Regulations For Fast And Abstinence

- **Ash Wednesday** - February 23, 1977, is a day of Fast and Abstinence.
- **Good Friday** - April 8, 1977, is a day of Fast and Abstinence.
- **Fridays of Lent** are days of Abstinence.
- **Easter Duty** is the obligation to receive Holy Communion between the First Sunday of Lent (February 27) and Trinity Sunday (June 5).
- Fast - Binds all over 21 and under 59 years of age. On the days of Fast, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted; but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed.
- Abstinence - Binds all over the age of 14. On days of Abstinence, no meat is allowed.
- **NOTE:** When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning Fast or Abstinence, a parish priest or confessor should be consulted.

Parish Improvement Drive Begins Next Sunday

A letter of explanation has been sent to all registered parishioners regarding our special parish projects for the Lenten season. With your cooperation, we would like to make some needed parish improvements this Spring. For the past three years, the focus of our attention was on the church hall renovation project which is now complete. Parishioner response plus memorial donations accomplished that extensive project in good fashion. From the comments we have received, most everyone seems happy and pleased.

This year, we would like to focus mainly on the church building itself. In particular, we would like to repair and refinish all pews in the church and install new kneelers. The accumulation of scratches, gouges and graffiti from past years has made many of the pews unsightly. I have been approached by perfect strangers at various times and reminded that some of the messages scratched into the pew backs and seats are distracting to say the least. Much of the defacing occurred in past years when the school children were attending daily Mass - at least were supposed to be participating in the Liturgy. You will also notice that some of the pews have extensive cracks and splits in them. The kneelers likewise have worn with use. The wear has taken place more than just in the pad covering. Considering that the pews and kneelers have served us nearly 50 years, it is not surprising that some attention is due them.

In addition to the pew kneeler project, the letter which was sent this past week also notes that $4,000.00 remains to be paid on the new heating boiler which was installed last summer. A little over two-thirds of the total cost has already been paid from operational income. We are happy that we have been able to manage that much from our budget but we need extra assistance to complete that project.

You no doubt have also noted the condition of the asphalt in our parking lot. It needs help! Depending on the response we receive in the next few weeks to the Parish Improvement Drive, we hope to make some improvements there.

The response of all parishioners who are able to do so will be necessary to accomplish this year's goals. The Administration Commission has once again suggested a pledge of $100.00 to the 7-week Parish Improvement Drive. All parishioners will not be able to manage that additional sacrifice. But we hope that everyone will be able to do something a little extra to help improve their parish facility.

We kindly ask that the pledge card be returned next weekend indicating the amount of extra sacrifice that is possible for you. Special "Parish Improvement" envelopes are available. Please use them when making donations for that purpose.

A great deal has been asked of all parishioners these past few years. At the same time, much has been accomplished because you have recognized the need and the worth of many improvements. Fortunately, a beautiful, serviceable parish plant was built many years ago. We do not have to bear the costs of today's building construction. The least we can do is to maintain in an A-1 fashion what we are able to enjoy because of others' sacrifices in the past. I know we are capable of this challenge and I hope for your cooperation in meeting the challenge of our Parish Improvement Drive.

-Fr. Harvey

First Communicants

Gina Comazzi, Michele May, Laura Wheeler and Wendy Jensen are pictured with Fr. Harvey after the celebration of their First Communion Mass held in the Comazzi home last Tuesday evening with the communicants' families and catechists in attendance.

The opportunity for a home First Communion Liturgy is offered to all First Communion candidates. The candidate and family may also choose a scheduled Sunday or weekday Mass as the time for First Communion after each child has been interviewed by one of the priests. The Solemn Communion Day is set for Mother's Day, May 8.

Veteran's Hospital Coffee Hour

Sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Women
SATURDAY, FEB. 26
1:30 to 4:00 P.M.
Meet on the parking lot 1:00

Each month the women of various parishes in the County of Washtenaw have given some of their time toward visiting veterans and bringing them home-baked cookies. February has long been St. John's month. So we once again solicit cookies to be taken to the men. Any parishioners who are in the baking mood are asked to have them at the rectory by noon this Saturday so that the van can be packed and we are ready to leave at 1:00. Also parishioners who are interested in just visiting and making the men feel someone is caring about them are also invited to meet on the parking lot at 1:00 so that we can leave together for the hospital.

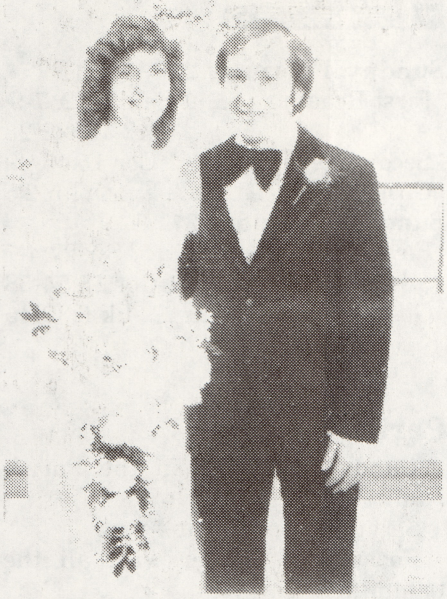
This is one special work of the Council Women in this parish ... won't you help them in this special work.

Parish Nuptial

On Saturday, February 12, 1977, Mark E. Doe and Mary T. L'Amoreaux solemnized their bond of holy marriage before Fr. Harvey. Bruce Logan and Paula Sue Cline, both of Ypsilanti, served as main witnesses to the vows.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Doe. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. L'Amoreaux of this parish.

Rob L'Amoreaux, a brother of the bride served the liturgy as lector. Mrs. Nancy Wagner was soloist, accompanied by Miss Marie Stachlewitz, organist.



A Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey was the setting for the marriage of James Lawrence Tougas and Marie Louise Cicirelli on Saturday evening, February 12, 1977.

Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Tougas of Farmington Hills. Marie is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cicirelli of this parish.

Main attendants were Raul Bartley of Detroit and Roseann Cicirelli of Ypsilanti.

Michael Cicirelli, a brother of the bride was the lector for the Mass. Soloist and cantor was the bride's aunt, Miss Carmelita Cicirelli. Processional organist was Miss Marie Stachlewitz.

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We extend happy greetings to the newlyweds and their families!

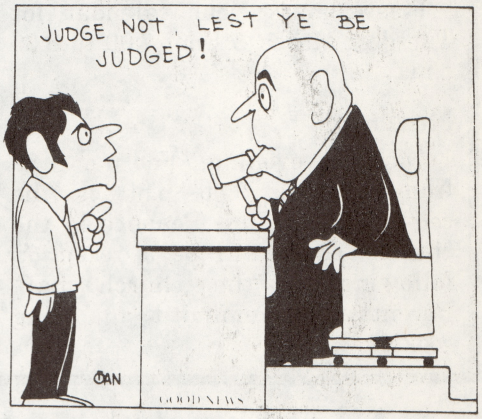
New Life in Christ

Holly Michelle Croghen, daughter of David and Catherine (Klarich) Croghen, 306 S. Prospect and

Scott Jeffery Kuehls, son of Richard and Karen (Latina) Kuehls, 2144 Lakeview Drive, were both welcomed into the Christian community through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Sunday, February 13, 1977.

Godparents for Holly are Anton and Cheryl Klarich. Sponsors for Scott are James and Margaret Dudek.

May the Lord perfect the life He has begun in them! Congratulations parents.



SEVENTH SUNDAY: 20 FEBRUARY 1977

Jesus gives a lot of impractical advice like: love your enemies, and lend without interest. Our practical world has so many troubles maybe we should give him a second hearing.

Desperately Needed

Live-in housekeeper for quiet elderly man. Very little housework - plain cooking. Wages, private room and bath. Call 483-3432.

Needed

Bassinettes, Cribs, Playpens, Buggies - anything a baby can sleep in. Contact Problem Pregnancy, 769-7283 or Ginny Alton, parish representative at 483-0560.

Woman to come in mornings to take care of 3 year old. Arrangements can be made - 434-4983.

Confirmation Program

Students in the eighth grade Religious Education Program will begin soon to prepare for the reception of Confirmation. Any high school students who have not been confirmed are invited to participate in these classes also. The candidates will be initiated into the program at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 6.

Beginning on Tuesday, March 8, the regular Tuesday evening classes will run from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. That Tuesday evening will also be the first class for parents of Confirmation candidates. Parents will be given detailed information at that time, as well as, instruction on the meaning of this important happening in the life of their adolescent child. High school students are asked to call the center (483-6378) to notify us of their interest in becoming candidates. Regular attendance is essential. Classes will continue through March and April and will culminate in Confirmation, Sunday, May 1.

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 8 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Notice

Monday evening, February 21 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. is the celebration of First Penance in the church. There will be a reception following in the church hall. Parents are reminded to bring cookies.

Scripture Readings

Sunday, February 20
First Reading .... 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Second Reading .... 1 Cor 15:45-49
Gospel ..... 1 John 2:5

Sunday, February 27
First Reading ..... Sir 27:4-7
Second Reading .... 1 Cor 15:54-58
Gospel ..... Lk 6:39-45

Parish Dinner

Sunday, March 6 in the Parish Hall.

Serving promptly at 4 p.m.

Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings.

Tickets at $4.50.

Tickets on sale after 9 and 11 o'clock Masses or call:

Donnie Stokes 483-3961
Natalie Bowyer 482-4742
Rita Sprague 483-3600

Please purchase your tickets as early as possible. First cut-off date is February 25. No tickets will be sold after March 2!

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There will be tickets at the rectory also for those who find it easier to stop by.

The Third Order of St. Dominic will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Education Center.

Intercessory Prayer

"How happy you are who are poor:
Yours is the Kingdom of God.
Happy you are hungry now:
You shall be satisfied.
Happy are you who weep now
You shall laugh."

Lord, we rejoice in your promise. We rejoice in your love and care. Lord, we reach out to you, touching you my Lord that we may experience true light, happiness, joy, healing and love.

Lord, bless our parish team and the teachers of our religious education program.

Bless our sick, our aged, the lonely and troubled hearts.

Give wisdom to Fr. Conley and Fr. Stengel and move among us as we prepare our hearts for the Parish Mission.

Give your healing to those who are about to receive your grace in the Sacrament of Penance for the first time this Monday.

Let your spirit come upon us, O Lord, as we come into the Lenten season. That we may truly see God moving in our lives during these coming 40 days of Lent.

A blessing on the man who puts his trust in Yahweh. May the peace of the Lord be with all of you always.

PRAISE JESUS
David Rocha

Holiday Boutique Coming

Learn how to make easy, holiday gifts. Demonstration by Minnesota Fabrics is free and will start at 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

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Refreshments and meeting for the Christmas Bazaar will follow. Bring a friend and see the easy items you can make.

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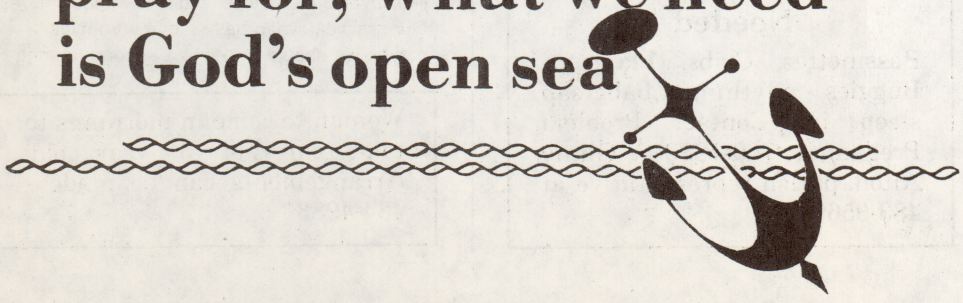
At least 30 should be present in order to have this demonstration. But we are hoping for many, many more.

Anchorage is what we pray for, What we need is God's open sea



Mass Schedule

Monday, February 21 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Edna O'Sullivan req. by Mr. & Mrs. Henry Arkison
2:30 p.m. Mary Sanocki, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mardensy (at Parkview Nursing Home)

Tuesday, February 22 - Chair of St. Peter, apostle
7:00 a.m. James Dignan, req. by Mrs. Frank Blaha
5:15 p.m. William Krips, req. by Mr. & Mrs. William Burns

Wednesday, February 23 - Ash Wednesday
7:00 a.m. Richard Woodruff, req. by Martha Green
11:30 a.m. Prayer Service and Distribution of Ashes
4:45 p.m. Prayer Service and Distribution of Ashes
6:00 p.m. Frances Veigel, req. by Clara Grierson

Thursday, February 24 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Albert Forner, req. by Vera Heim
9:00 a.m. Rudolph Kalusha, req. by the Cazier Family

Friday, February 25 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Mary Holdridge, 3rd Anniv., req. by her husband Harry
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Saturday, February 26 - Weekday
9:00 a.m. Agnes Thorp, req. by Joe & Mae Butcko
5:00 p.m. William & Theresa Hronek, req. by Roy & Helen Hronek
6:30 p.m. Wedding of Steven M. Thompson & Kathleen O'Hara

Sunday, February 27
7:00 a.m. Clarence Dunkelberger, mo. anniv., Mr. & Mrs. Ben Laurain
9:00 a.m. For the parishioners
11:00 a.m. George Riley, req. by Catherine Riley
12:30 p.m. Albert Forner, mo. anniv., req. by Wayne & Helen Harvey

Wedding Banns

III - Steven M. Thompson & Kathleen O'Hara
II Kent Ferrier & Mary Voorich

Financial Barometer

February 13, 1977

Sunday Offering	$4,321.79
Latin America (Additional)	5.00
Christmas Trees (Alpha Kappa Psi)	595.00
Memorial - Eleanor Roberts	10.00

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Dear Father Harvey, Sister Carol, Mrs. Wysocki, and Mrs. Tardiff,

Thank you for the 25th Anniversary Mass. The liturgy, reception, picture, and apostolic blessing are memories we will cherish in the years to come.

Dick & Marilyn Ouellette

Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County, a United Way agency under the auspices of the Catholic Diocese of Lansing, is in need of a typewriter. If you have an electric or manual typewriter in good condition that you would like to donate, please contact Ann Jacobs at 662-4534. Your donation is tax-deductible.

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Noon Mass will be celebrated each Wednesday and Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be held each Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard each Friday evening immediately following the Benediction Service. In addition to our private acts of penance and sacrifice, we hope many will join with the community for our special liturgical and para-liturgical celebrations and be committed to participating in our parish mission.

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LITURGY

SATURDAY EVENING:	5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY:	7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
HOLYDAY:	7:00 and 9:00 a.m., 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
DAILY:	7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday ...2:30 Parkview Home Monday ...5:15 p.m. Tuesday ...9:00 a.m. Wednesday & Saturday

BAPTISMS: 12:30 Mass on second Sunday of each month, after Parents/Expectant Parents have completed Baptismal Catechesis. Please pre-register 3 weeks in advance.
WEDDINGS: Notify rectory 2 to 3 months in advance for adequate preparation.
CONFESSIONS: Saturday ... 3:30-4:30 ... Anytime by appointment.
COMMUNAL PENANCE ..... As Announced
MARIAN DEVOTIONS ..... Tuesday 6:45 p.m.
REGISTRATION: New parishioner - please register at the rectory. Kindly notify us if moving from the parish.
COMMUNION CALLS: The sick and shut-ins who wish to have Communion brought to them may call the rectory or convent and request it.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PRE-SCHOOL:	9:00 a.m. Sunday
ELEMENTARY:	Wednesday Released Time and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
JUNIOR HIGH:	Tuesday 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
SENIOR HIGH:	Released Time a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
SPECIAL EDUCATION:	Arrangements made.
ADULT:	As announced

PARISH SERVICES

BABYSITTING:	9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Sunday
COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS:	After 9:00 and 11:00 Masses except July & August
BINGO:	Wednesday 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. - Open 6:30

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Members of the parish team would be happy to join you and your family at dinner. Please feel free to extend your invitation directly to the person you would like to invite.

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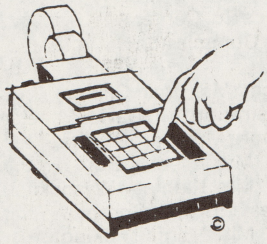

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